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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant: David G. Abdallah
Application No.: 09/973,125
For: REINFORCED PLY MATERIAL WITH UNTWISTED SETS OF
STEEL MONOFILAMENTS
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Expected Art Unit: 1733

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the application as indicated below.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Please revise the paragraph on Page 1, lines 19-26 to read:

The present invention reinforced ply material wherein steel monofilaments can be used as the reinforcement elements instead of cabled steel cords. ~~Monofilaments are insert definition of "monofilament"~~. When compared to cabled steel cord, steel monofilaments are economically made and require less rubber to coat in an extrusion process. Accordingly, the reinforced ply material of the present invention can provide an economic alternative for making reinforced ply material for the production of steel belts for pneumatic tires.

Respectfully submitted,
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